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Wembley Stadium

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In response to the request of a correspondent last week, we publish here a picture of the famous English ground as it looked from the air on Cup-Final day, 1951. The Stadium, which was built for the Empire Exhibition in 1922, was first used for the Cup-Final in 1923, when Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham.

Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

The new idea of a State Lightning 6-a-side Premiership, to be held tomorrow (Sunday) and to run all day, should be a popular one. Support from clubs has been most gratifying and the 64 teams entered will require six rounds to find the winner. On the centre pages today will be found the complete lay-out of the competition and space has been left to fill in the names of the winning teams in each round. At first glance it would seem that the organisers have done a good job and we feel confident that the gentlemen concerned will have every reason to feel proud of themselves. Also entitled to a very big hand-clap are the members of the ball committee. These good people turned on a ball which was considered by most to be the finest ball the V.A.S.F.A. have ever sponsored. To the ball committee, comprising Mr. and Mrs. Gray, of Park Rangers; Mr. and Mrs. White, of Brighton; Mr. and Mrs. Galsworthy, of South Melbourne; Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Victoria Police, and Mrs. Borsari, of Juventus, we offer our heartiest congratulations on a marvellous job.

Did any of you, dear readers, know that soccer is played at the Olympic Games? If you do know, probably like ourselves, you would like to read about Olympic Games soccer in the Press. We can only tell you that soccer is one of the greatest money spinners at the Olympiad and at the last games at Wembley soccer drew some of the biggest crowds. No doubt it is doing so again at Helsinki, but we shall not know much about it until the Games teams returns and we can get first-hand information. Reports in the daily Press are meagre, but at least they do tell us a little. One sporting paper, which has sent its own special correspondent to Finland, however, does not yet seem to have discovered that soccer is a feature of Olympiad. It is truly farcical that this gentleman should have spent several weeks in Helsinki without feeling it necessary to inform the Victorian soccer public of the facts regarding Olympic soccer. It is just another instance where the Victorian soccer public must read what they are told and not what they want to read. One day perhaps we shall be able to have soccer competently reported by ALL papers. Obviously, it will not be at the 1952 Olympic Games.

Last week at Olympic Park 4500 people saw Brighton and Juventus play a draw, with one goal each. This game was one of the finest exhibitions of football seen in Melbourne this year—the crowd loved it.

The game was very concisely reported in the evening "SPORTING" paper thus:—"Brighton, 1, drew with Juventus, 1." On the same page, six games of another code were reported. At none were the attendances greater than that at Olympic Park—several were less than half. As is common with the "Sporting" paper, these, of course, received not less than six inches write-up each—some received as much as 12 inches or more. **All the day's soccer was squeezed into six inches.** Ah, well! Maybe we have got the meaning of the word "Sporting" wrong, but we always thought that it had something to do with "A FAIR GO."

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The Tasmanian Picture

By BOB EASTERBROOK

In the last four years soccer has improved greatly in Hobart, both from the standard of play and number of spectators attending. On the latter point, attendances in 1948 were in the vicinity of approximately 50 to 60; now we have an average of from 400 to 600. The record was broken on Saturday, July 5, when North and South played at South Hobart ground before 1200. No doubt this is small by comparison with gates at Melbourne, but we do not have the population and soccer is only now beginning to find its feet. However, I do predict a grand future for our all-British national game.

Seven clubs comprise our First Division—Metro, Sandy Bay, Moonah Ath., South Hobart, Wanderers (English XI), A.N.M. (Australian Newsprint Mills, New Norfolk) and the Caledonians. Up to and including July 12, Metro tops the roster, with Caledonians in second place. Prior to last year the first-named club, which is more or less a Tasmanian team with a sprinkling of Englishmen and two Europeans (a Dutchman and Pole), and the Wanderers held the monopoly. But with the formation of the Scots' XI (which I had the pleasure of forming), we have taken command with the Metro, and in our first season (last year) won the Falkinder Cup and finished second in the League to Metro. The Metro will finish League leaders once again and are to be congratulated on their consistency over a period of years. I feel sure, however, that, given a little luck, which comes to all teams at one time or another, the Caledonians will retain the Cup. There is a vast difference between the type of play between the two leading teams, Metro and Caledonians. The former play a typical English type of game; we the long, swinging pass. In other words, the ball does the work, while the Scots play their traditional game of the short passing, which, in my estimation, is much nicer to watch.

Metro in 10 games has won 9, lost 0, drawn 1, to lead with 19 points from Caledonians, played 10, won 8, lost 1, drawn 1, and 16 points.

To conclude my brief summary, I wish to state that while the game continues to make progress, that cannot be said of the refereeing. In all my 35 years of following our national game I can only commend one Southern Tasmanian referee—Mr. Evans—and he certainly does a fair job. The remainder are a truly hopeless bunch and I say this without mental reservation or equivocation. I observe in your Soccer News of Saturday, July 5, '52, page 20, White Eagles v. Royal Caledonians, the score was 17-0 in the favor of the former. That may be a record score for Victoria, but the Hobart Caledonians recently defeated Australian Newsprint Mills 17-0 at New Norfolk.

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Olympic Soccer Club.
Please note the following altered address of the secretary — Mr. T. Doubaras, 246 Bay Street, North Brighton.

International Harvester Soccer Club.
Please note the new secretary is Mr. J. W. Seatter, 272 High Street, Belmont, Geelong.

Fourth Division.
Clubs are reminded that fixtures for August 9, 16 and 23 as per the official handbook are postponed and will be arranged at a later date.

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"World" Just Home Against "Commonwealth"

By "OFFSIDE"

Nearly 8000 spectators at Olympic Park last Sunday saw teams representing British Commonwealth and Rest of the World provide soccer close to the best seen this season. The World team won.

Copeland took over early in the game and Commonwealth led 3-1. Caldaverec scored for the World side. Pitoni, in fine form throughout the game, reduced Commonwealth's lead to 1 goal, and Caldavarec equalised.

Copeland broke through to put Commonwealth in the lead once more, and Roessler levelled for the World just before the halfway mark.

Moucka converted a penalty early in the second half to put his side in the lead for the first time, but Copeland came good again, taking the score to 5-5. Roubal swung into action just before the end of play, and shot a dashing solo, to put World in the lead, 6-5, at the final whistle.

Copeland was easily Commonwealth's outstanding player.

Curtain raiser: Upper Yarra Dam v. Melbourne — Under 23 — 2-2.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Victorian Table Tennis Association is conducting an international teams' tournament at Wirth's Olympia on August 7, 12, 14, 16 and 17.

Sporting clubs wishing to enter teams representing their respective countries are requested to contact V.T.T.A. secretary, Mr. R. Summers, for further details at once (LF 7690).

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Soccer "Who's Who"—No. 20

ALEX BARR

By REX BENSON

Featured this week is Alex Barr, who has been twinkling on the Brighton left-wing for the last five years. Born in Glasgow nearly 30 years ago, Alex played school football before he was 10, and at the age of 12, having represented Glasgow against Manchester at the Chelsea ground, Stamford Bridge, he then played for the Scottish Boys against the "Sassenachs." He represented the Glasgow Boys' Brigade against Dundee at the age of 14, and then turned out for Hillington Amateurs, in the West of Scotland Amateur League, where he attracted the interest of Queen's Park, and obtained a trial. Alex, however, was not destined to follow in the shoes of that great left-winger, Alan Morton, whom he knew well. (So well, in fact, that my remarks recently about Morton taking corner-kicks with his right foot were soon corrected for me.) Having failed to join the ranks of the famous "Spiders" at Hampden, Alex signed provisional forms for Bemburgh, but after playing four games only, Mr. Barr, senior, who was a director of St. Mirren, and an S.F.A. official, found this out, and Alex had to sever his connection with the club forthwith.

Came 1939, which saw Alex in blue, this time Royal Air Force blue, and not the Scotland shirt. He was chosen in representative service games, once for Scotland against England in Iceland, and also for the combined British Services against that country itself. He later was a guest player for Norwich City and Tranmere Rovers, both English League sides.

On arrival in Australia he was at Moreland for a half season before going to Brighton, and donning the black and white narrow-hooped shirt that had been the colours for so long of the famous Queen's Park. Briefly here are the big occasions over the past few years that Alex has represented Victoria:— against H.M.S. Theseus twice, South Australia twice, South Africa once, Yugoslavia once, and his biggest thrill was playing for Australia against Yugoslavia. When the "Kangaroos" toured New Zealand last year, Alex was captain.

Off the field, Alex has showed himself capable in another sphere, that of a soccer commentator. His effort with Tommy Trinder on 3KZ during the Interstate Carnival was particularly good.

Perhaps Alex's most popular efforts have been as a writer of "Leaders" for Soccer News. He has the knack of spotting a good subject and quickly gets right to the heart of the matter.

It can be assumed correctly that his one ambition now is to score the winning goal in the Dockerty final!

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V.A.S.F.A. Lightning Premiership

SIX-A-SIDE ALL-DAY CONTESTS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3.

Matches in elimination rounds will be played on four grounds on Yarra Park as under:—

No. 1 Ground will be Hakoah's ground.
No. 2 Ground will be White Eagle's ground.
No. 3 Ground will be J.U.S.T.'s ground.
No. 4 Ground will be Apollo's ground.

From 2.00 p.m. onwards some games will be played on Olympic Park.

Duration.—Seven minutes each way, changing straight around at end of first seven minutes. If a game is drawn, teams must change straight around and play until first score. Final, 15 minutes each way.

Scoring.—Goals count. If levels on goals, then number of corners decide. Corners will not be taken.

Players.—Players are to be nominated to each team. A list of players for each team must be handed to the official in charge before playing the first match. Goalkeeper must be nominated and wear distinguishing colors. He may handle the ball inside the penalty area. Nominated players cannot change teams.

Replacements will only be allowed through injuries and with the permission of the official in charge before the start of a game. No replacements during games.

Teams. — Any team not ready to play on time may be disqualified and the game awarded to the opposing team at the absolute discretion of the official in charge. Colors worn must be distinguishable.

Referees will be in sole charge of each game. They must report to the official in charge before and after each game. They will keep score of goals and corners.

Officials.—At Nos. 1 and 2 grounds—Mr. E. J. Clarkson.
At Nos. 3 and 4 grounds—Mr. H. Dodman.
At Olympic Park—Messrs. Clarkson and Dodman.

Balls will be supplied by the V.A.S.F.A.

Border District Association

The third round of the competition commenced last week with one surprise. Albury Blacks holding Mt. Beauty United to a 1-all draw. Defence of both teams was excellent but the forwards let them down. Highlight of the game was the goal by Wolfe, of Albury, scored direct from a corner kick.

Albury City have a very firm grip of the premiership now with a 6-point lead after beating Wodonga, 1-0.

Scores do not indicate the play. Only excellent goalkeeping by Kraws for Wodonga saved the score from being much bigger. It is pleasing to see Albury City return to form after losing the first round of the Williamson Cup.

Bandiana beat their sister team, Bandiana Reds, by 11 goals to 1 at Bandiana.

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HOME *and* AWAY

By REX BENSON

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LOSS TO MORELAND

Moreland will return to the First Division next season with the prospect of being without Pat Clarke, the State captain. Pat returns on Fifeshire on the "Strathmore" in November. Inside-left Les Gilbert is making a trip home in January. The latter hopes to return soon afterwards, but Pat is not so certain.

WINDFALL FOR CHARITY

Denis Compton refereed the last match between the Boxers and the Jockeys at Arsenal. The Jockeys won, 5-0. The big men were left floundering. Over 43,000 saw this comical game, and the receipts were more than £7000.

MOORABBIN LOOKS AHEAD

Moorabbin S.C. have approached the cricket club with a view to raising funds to build a club-house on the present ground.

STILL GOING STRONG

News has come of yet another player who made the trip to Brisbane as a Victorian Junior about 12 years ago. He was Alex. Mackie, who has lived in Hobart since 1943, and who played full-back with Norm Good. He started the Titan club in Hobart, and played for Tasmania in Adelaide against South Australia in 1948.

STATE BLAZERS

Glad to hear the boys are getting their blazers. Present hold-up appears to be final decision on the appropriate crest for the pocket.

TEAM FOR THE OLYMPICS

Big surprise in the selection of the team to represent Great Britain at Helsinki was the inclusion of only three Scots. There was a representative each from Ireland and Wales, but the other 15 were from England.

SHOWING THEIR COLORS

South Melbourne stole a march at the ball by producing a variety of hats in the club colors of red and white. Even our president, Mr. E. S. Coles, was sporting one. Is he a secret supporter?

SPONSORING YOUTH

Preston are justly proud of the young side they have. J. Smith, aged 22, is the "Daddy" of the forward line. The other four players are under 20, with E. Smith only 16, and J. Barnes 17. Two of the half-backs are under 21. All are club juniors who have graduated to the first team, a policy which deserves reward.

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V.A.S.F.A. State Lightning (six-a-side) Premiership—Sunday, August 3 (All Day)

First Round			Second Round		Third Round		Quarter-Finals		Semi-Final		Final	
Team	Time	Ground	Time	Ground	Time	Ground	Time	Ground	Time	Ground	Time	Ground
X Ulsterville "B"	10.00 a.m.	No. 1	12.40 p.m.	No. 1								
Maccabi "B" Box Hill "A"	10.00 a.m.	No. 2			2.00 p.m.	No. 1						
Sunshine United "C" Park Rangers "A"	10.20 a.m.	No. 1	12.40 p.m.	No. 2								
University Blacks Woodlands	10.20 a.m.	No. 2					1st Quarter-Final Olympic 2.40 p.m. Park					
Juventus "B" South Yarra "A"	10.40 a.m.	No. 1	1.00 p.m.	No. 1								
Moorabbin City "B" Prahran "A"	10.40 a.m.	No. 2			2.00 p.m.	Olympic Park						
Sunshine United "A" Yallourn "A"	11.00 a.m.	No. 1	1.00 p.m.	No. 2					1st Semi-Final Olympic 4.00 p.m. Park			
Flinders Naval Depot "A" Brighton "B"	11.00 a.m.	No. 2										
Heidelberg "C" Polonia "A"	11.20 a.m.	No. 1	1.20 p.m.	No. 1								
Brighton "C" Dandenong	11.20 a.m.	No. 2			2.20 p.m.	No. 1						
Juventus "A" Footscray City "B"	11.40 a.m.	No. 1	1.20 p.m.	No. 2			3rd Quarter-Final Olympic 3.20 p.m. Park					
Preston "A" Slavia "C"	11.40 a.m.	No. 2										
Slavia "A" Flinders Naval Depot "B"	12.00 noon	No. 1	1.40 p.m.	No. 1								
Heidelberg "B" South Melb. United "B"	12.00 noon	No. 2			2.20 p.m.	Olympic Park						
Park Rangers "D" Slavia "B"	12.20 p.m.	No. 1	1.40 p.m.	No. 2								
Footscray City "A" Park Rangers "B"	12.20 p.m.	No. 2									Olympic 4.40 p.m. Park	
X South Yarra "B"	10.00 a.m.	No. 3	12.40 p.m.	No. 3								
Sunshine United "B" Yallourn "B"	10.00 a.m.	No. 4			2.00 p.m.	No. 3						
Moreland "C" South Yarra "D"	10.20 a.m.	No. 3	12.40 p.m.	No. 4								
Polonia "B" Moreland "B"	10.20 a.m.	No. 4					2nd Quarter-Final Olympic 3.00 p.m. Park					
Williamstown "B" Frankston	10.40 a.m.	No. 3	1.00 p.m.	No. 3								
Fairfield Moorabbin City "A"	10.40 a.m.	No. 4			2.00 p.m.	No. 4						
South Melbourne "C" Footscray City "C"	11.00 a.m.	No. 3	1.00 p.m.	No. 4					2nd Semi-Final Olympic 4.20 p.m. Park			
Ulsterville "A" Sandringham "A"	11.00 a.m.	No. 4										
Brighton "D" Box Hill "B"	11.20 a.m.	No. 3	1.20 p.m.	No. 3								
Maccabi "A" Slavia "D"	11.20 a.m.	No. 4			2.20 p.m.	No. 3						
South Yarra "C" Park Rangers "C"	11.40 a.m.	No. 3	1.20 p.m.	No. 4								
Preston "B" Heidelberg "A"	11.40 a.m.	No. 4					4th Quarter-Final Olympic 3.40 p.m. Park					
University Blues Sandringham "B"	12.00 noon	No. 3	1.40 p.m.	No. 3								
Prahran "B" Moreland "A"	12.00 noon	No. 4			2.20 p.m.	No. 4						
Williamstown "A" South Melbourne "A"	12.20 p.m.	No. 3	1.40 p.m.	No. 4								
Brighton "A" Sandringham "C"	12.20 p.m.	No. 4										

Around the Clubs

APOLLO

Heidelberg forwards never had the opportunity to get into top gear. They were faced with a clever and hard-tackling defence. Apollo's approach play was clever and neat, but their forwards were inclined to play too close near goal where direct methods were lacking. Many thanks to both teams for a clean, hard-fought game. With a good marksman in centre, Heidelberg could hold their own with success. Result, Apollo, 3; Heidelberg, 0.—J. E. BELL.

COBRAM

Albury City defeated Cobram at the showgrounds on July 19, 4-1. Cobram began well with a good goal by Bob McKenzie in the fifth minute. Soon Albury equalised with a lucky goal during a melee around the goal-mouth. Albury then added a second and third. One was considered by many to be off-side. A fourth was scored just before half-time when Jim Purden miskicked into his own goal. The second half was hard and rugged and the final whistle blew with the score 4-1 in Albury's favor.

Cobram Soccer Club is looking forward to meeting Albury City again. —G. MUSCARELLA.

BRIGHTON

Brighton surprised Juventus at Olympic Park last Saturday and very nearly defeated them. The game began with some really fine football by both teams, and for the most part continued so throughout. There were many thrills and many highlights.

The Juventus goal, early in the second half, was an absolutely first rate example of quick thinking, and even quicker passing which turned desperate defence into a lightning attack and a goal lead . . . Brighton had to wait for a last minute penalty kick to obtain the equalising goal, but their fighting display was well worth a point. All twenty-two players

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gave a wholehearted, tireless display. Anything other than a drawn game would have been an injustice to either side.

COBURG UNITED

The seniors at Geelong were beaten 3-0 by International Harvester. Coburg held their opponents down to one goal in the first half. With the help of the wind in the second half the Harvesters continually broke through Coburg's defence for two more goals. Best for Coburg were Bryan, B. White and Smithwick.

Reserves were victorious over International Harvester Reserves, 2-1, at Geelong.

FAIRFIELD

The game with White Eagles was abandoned after a few minutes' play.

With the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. G. Beveridge, Fairfield have gained a new player.

This week we will miss Pat Core, who is getting married. The club and supporters wish Pat and his bride-elect all the best.

After a serious illness, Mr. Morgan is back on his feet again. It is hard to keep the old boys in-doors when the ball is around.

This week we hope to have a Junior team playing. Any person interested in helping the boys kindly contact either Mr. McIvor at the State school or any member of the club.

FRANKSTON

Last Saturday Frankston played R.A.A.F. at Point Cook and were victorious by 10 goals to nil.

Winning the toss, Frankston took control of the game, although the first goal came 25 minutes after the start when H. Schippers scored with a shot into the corner of the net. A further four goals were added before half-time.

The second half was a repetition of the first half with very few attacks by the R.A.A.F. Five more goals were scored. Goal scorers were P. Ims (4), J. Ellams (2), P. Morgan (2) and H. Schippers (2).

This week we welcome Maccabi to Frankston. Don't forget that on August 9 we visit the Naval Depot in the first round of the Dockerty Cup. Anyone interested in making the trip contact any committee man at your earliest.

HAKOAH

At home to Flinders Naval Depot in Yarra Park, kicking into the wind, Hakoah ran up a 4-1 lead, after each side had scored once. These included a gem by right-wing, Raubel and another by left-wing, Ressler. Playing with the wind, the home side could only manage two more goals, mainly due to the backlines crowding the forwards and gallant efforts by the visiting goalie. Centre-half, Maerischel, was responsible for one of the goals from 30 yards out. The game ended, 6-1.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

Will International Harvester please send their notes to arrive on Monday morning. This week's were too late for publication.—EDITOR.

MACCABI

Against Ringwood our seniors had a 7-2 victory. Mr. Penfold was an excellent referee. Kamsner scored Maccabi's opening goal, the ball hitting the Ringwood back and going into the net. Braitberg put on the second goal from 30 yards.

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Ringwood's first goal was from the inside-right man. After interval, Kamsner and Fiszman each added a goal for Maccabi. Those who best served the winners were Wrobel, Kamsner, Fiszman, Higdalik and Breitberg.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

For its game against George Cross, South Melbourne dropped four of its regular first team and brought in Hayes, Denny and Hathaway from the Junior ranks in a desperate effort to stop the rot of the club running too close to relegation.

The game was scoreless until 10 minutes from time when the George Cross centre-forward, who had looked dangerous all day, scored.

South Melbourne has entered three teams in tomorrow's Lightning premiership.

Another smoke social will be held on August 9 in the Dispensary Hall, Park Street, South Melbourne. All past and present players will be welcome to come along and bring their wives. This social will be on the Saturday night following the afternoon challenge match between the club's senior and reserve teams.

South Melbourne's Under 19 team has a challenge match which all are looking forward to. It is against a women's soccer team from Central Exchange and is being organised by the Under 19 team outside-left, Keith Yellers and his sister Lorraine. The girls are anxious to receive challenges from other clubs who can field a ladies' soccer team.

SOUTH YARRA

A very enjoyable trip to Ballarat was had by Yarra club on Sunday, 27th, where the club was entertained by a combined team from the Ballarat League. A good lunch was put on and special thanks for the reception are extended to Mr. Baker and all officials of the Ballarat Association. A collection was taken up: proceeds went to Ballarat Orphanage. A good game ended in a draw, three all. Scorers for Ballarat, Lawlor (2), Skinner. Yarra, McNiell, Lott, Gibbons (fluke).—BILL BINYON.

UPPER YARRA DAM

On Sunday, July 20, we entertained Preston, and ran out winners by 7 goals to 2 goals. Both Preston and U.Y.D. fielded weakened sides, and a fair crowd witnessed some good soccer.

Should Preston be fortunate enough to hold on to the youngsters they fielded, then they will certainly be a force to be reckoned with next season, and for some years to come.

Our own side is improving with every game, and we are keenly looking forward to our game at Olympic Park tomorrow. We anticipate that our Cup rivals—Moreland—will be there in strength.

What has our mutual friend, Frank Waghorn, done with the photos he took of our team during the game with Box Hill? The boys are very keen to see some of themselves in Soccer News.—T. DAVIS, hon. sec.

VICTORIA POLICE

Playing against Union Jack last Saturday at Royal Park, the Police team showed much better form, and the game resulted in a 4-1 win for the Police.

Winning the toss we played with the wind and the slight slope, and in the eight minutes inside-left Jock Chappleton opened our score.

Second half opened with Union Jack pressing and they equalised. A few minutes later a long clearance by one of our backs was trapped by outside-right Alf Pittaway who neatly took it to the goal-mouth, and put in a sizzling shot, which a defender deflected into the goal. Jack Brown headed another beautiful goal from a long pass by Jim Oakes. Brown went on to score the fourth goal for the Police.—P. BENNETT.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Williamstown player, Bill Coughlin, last week lost the sight of an eye at his work. Bill has been dogged by bad luck since he arrived in Australia two years ago. On behalf of all the boys at "Willy" we wish him a quick recovery and he is never far from our thoughts.—DON MOORE.

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The Last Lap

By REX BENSON

On glancing through the league tables before today's matches, it can be seen that there is a case of dog eat dog in every League.

Juventus have clinched the First Division and the runners-up appear to be Brighton. For the big drop, who is to accompany Sunshine United lies between South Yarra and Footscray City. Their goal averages are the same, but I plump for Footscray, who escaped last season only by the good fortune of playing weakened teams at the end of the season in re-arranged games.

Who will take their places is settled — the Second Division having provided no challenge to Moreland or Hakoah, but the struggle to avoid accompanying Coburg down to the Third Division is between four clubs with equal points — South Melbourne, Sunshine City, George Cross and the Navy. A game in hand gives George Cross the chance of a reprieve.

Things are as exciting in the Third Division, for Polonia can take up with them any of these four, Fairfield, Ulsterville, Moorabbin and White Eagles. I tip the last named to come with a last minute effort. At the other end the issue is still in doubt, all below University being "probables."

Who goes up with Maccabi? Dandenong have their fingers crossed, being level with Frankston on points, but if it ends that way, up will go the lads from the Peninsula.

So there we are, with as interesting a wind-up to the League season as one could wish!

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DOCKERTY CUP—1st Round

Saturday, August 9

J.U.S.T. v. YALLOURN

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Junior Association Notes

The following have been selected in the Under 14 Victorian team:—McDonald, goal (Brighton), Greenwood (Sunshine U.), Huckvale (Coburg), backs. Hoskins (Sunshine C.), Sargent (South Melb.), Edward (Sunshine C.), half-backs. Lamont (South Melbourne), Smith (Brighton), Clauscen (South Melbourne), Megson (Sunshine C.), Adam (South Melbourne), forwards. Reserves: McCarthy (Coburg), Stone (Box Hill), Donaldson (Brighton), Davies (South Melbourne), Crawley (Brighton). The selectors had a difficult task with so many good boys in the trials. Two good teams could easily have been picked. This augurs well for the game in future years.—W. ADAM, Chairman of Selectors.

CUP DRAWS

Junior Cup 1st Round, August 9. South Melbourne United v. Box Hill. Byes: Preston, Sandringham City, Northcote, Maccabi, Juventus, Moorabbin City and Brighton.

Miller Cup, 1st Round, August 9. Brighton v. Box Hill, Hakoah v Sunshine City, Preston v. Frankston. Byes: South Melbourne United, Sandringham City, Polonia, Sunshine United, and Coburg.

J. J. Liston Cup, 1st Round, August 9. Preston v. Park Rangers, Sandringham City v. South Melbourne United, Box Hill v. Sunshine City, Prahran v. Northcote. Byes: Brighton, Sunshine United, Moorabbin City and South Yarra.

Blue Riband Cup, 1st Round, August 9. Brighton v. Sunshine City, South Melbourne United v. Preston, Moorabbin City v. Essendon, Box Hill v. Coburg.

SOCCER QUIZ BOOKS

A number of Soccer Quiz booklets by Victor Rae, secretary of the London Society of Referees, have been obtained by the Junior Association. These books contain 200 questions and answers on the laws of soccer football. They are for sale at 1/- each, so if you want a copy, please see your club secretary and get him to order one for you.

Points Awarded. Under 17—South Melbourne United v. Preston, 12/7/52, points awarded to South Melbourne. Under 14—Essendon v. Moorabbin "B," 12/7/52. Points awarded to Essendon.

JUNIOR INTERSTATE CARNIVAL

Como Park, Prahran, is likely to be the venue for the three preliminary rounds of the Junior (Under 20) Interstate Carnival to be held from August 27 to August 31. Final will be played at Olympic Park on Sunday, August 31.

Billets. Billets are still urgently required for the Queensland and South Australian Juniors from Monday, August 25 to Monday, September 1. The Junior Association will provide £1 for each player towards billeting expenses. This matter is urgent, so please contact the association secretary, J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman Street, East St. Kilda, S.16.

BRIGHTON UNDER 19 TEAM

The Brighton v. Juventus Under 19 game at Hurlingham Park last Saturday was surely one of the best games of junior soccer seen for many a day.

Played at top speed throughout and with some very considerable skill, this was a battle for premiership honours between a Juventus team which was big, fast, and individually very talented, and Brighton team which made up for lack of weight and inches by fast, accurate passing and superior combination in defence and attack. I should like to pay tribute to the Juventus boys, who despite their defeat were wonderful sportsmen.—G. H. HAZLEHURST.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED UNDER 15

South Melbourne United's Under 15 team proved too strong for Sunshine United last Saturday. Sargent played magnificently, likewise did the captain, Alwin McLean. David Adam has proved a tower of strength and so has Balish. Crompton, the ex-Queensland State player, played his usual good stolid game. The team will be paying a visit to Yallourn early in September for an official wind-up of the season.

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Letter to the Editor

Sir,—Having been most of my life interested in football, I am finding fault with the game at present in Victoria. The players leave themselves open to be penalised by calling to each other for the ball during the game. Coaches of clubs could easily remedy this in a much easier way and the players could save their breath to keep the game at a 90 minutes' pace. Also surely players realise that the whistle blower is doing his best with the odds against him. They should also realise that at times when the referee blows for an offence committed it is to penalise the offender. At times when the offence is not blown up, do they realise it is done for the advantage rule?—Yours, etc., F. DODD.

PENINSULA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

The Frankston P.S.A. team were defeated by the Army Apprentice "A" team by 2 goals to 1, after a very interesting game. R. Harvey scored Frankston's goal.

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 26, 1952

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Juventus	16	12	4	0	57	16	28
Brighton	17	11	4	2	56	34	26
J.U.S.T.	15	9	4	2	57	24	22
Box Hill	17	8	4	5	41	32	20
Prahran	17	6	3	8	37	58	15
Yallourn	15	6	2	7	33	33	14
Park Rangers	17	6	2	9	34	37	14
South Yarra	17	2	6	9	18	43	10
Footscray City	16	2	4	10	19	45	8
Sunshine United	17	2	3	12	23	53	7

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Moreland	16	15	0	1	96	19	30
Melbourne Hakoah	17	15	0	2	89	27	30
Inter. Harvester	17	9	1	7	27	43	19
Preston	15	8	1	6	37	28	17
Sandringham City	17	7	2	8	49	45	16
South Melbourne	17	6	0	11	36	43	12
Sunshine City	17	5	2	10	31	47	12
George Cross	16	6	0	10	23	53	12
F.N.D.	17	5	2	10	23	60	12
Coburg United	17	3	0	14	25	71	6

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Polonia	17	17	0	0	81	8	34
Fairfield	17	11	0	6	43	30	22
Ulsterville	16	10	1	5	50	25	21
Moorabbin City	17	9	3	5	41	24	21
White Eagles	15	8	4	3	48	24	20
Williamstown	17	8	2	7	25	29	18
University	16	5	3	8	28	45	13
Woodlands	16	3	0	13	10	53	6
Royal Caledonians	17	2	1	14	17	64	5
Olympic	16	1	2	13	12	53	4

Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maccabi	15	13	0	2	71	23	26
Frankston	15	11	1	3	74	19	23
Dandenong	15	11	1	3	64	25	23
Maribyrnong	14	9	1	4	42	30	19
Apollo	14	9	1	4	36	27	19
Slavia	14	9	0	5	40	27	18
Ringwood	15	4	2	9	28	35	10
Victoria Police	15	3	2	10	25	61	8
R.A.A.F.	15	3	1	11	16	53	7
Union Jack	16	3	0	13	18	83	6
Heidelberg	16	2	1	13	14	52	5

RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 26, 1952

First Division

Juventus	17	13	3	1	59	24	29
Park Rangers	16	10	3	3	68	23	23
Yallourn	16	10	2	4	46	26	22
Brighton	17	9	1	7	68	34	19
Box Hill	16	7	2	7	50	32	17
South Yarra	16	6	3	7	43	34	16
Prahran	15	7	2	6	37	47	16
Footscray City	17	5	0	12	28	51	10
Sunshine United	16	4	0	12	29	72	8
J.U.S.T.	14	0	0	14	8	93	0

Second Division

Moreland	16	15	1	0	69	9	31
Hakoah	16	12	1	3	58	17	25
South Melbourne	16	10	1	5	46	24	21
Sunshine City	17	9	2	6	43	31	20
Preston	17	7	3	7	26	40	17
F.N.D	17	6	2	9	18	28	14
Coburg	17	5	2	10	17	46	12
Inter. Harvester	16	3	3	10	19	39	9
Sandringham City	17	2	1	14	16	63	5

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 26, 1952

Under 19 Division

Brighton	15	13	2	0	55	6	28
Juventus	15	11	2	2	45	6	24
Box Hill	13	8	2	3	36	14	18
Sth. Melb. United	16	8	2	6	39	21	18
Northcote	15	6	1	8	20	33	13
Sandringham City	13	4	2	7	22	26	10
Preston	15	4	1	10	23	42	9
Moorabbin City	15	4	0	11	18	47	8
Maccabi	13	1	0	12	7	70	2

Under 17 Division

Brighton "A"	15	12	1	2	57	14	25
Sunshine City	15	11	2	2	52	18	24
Sunshine United	13	9	2	2	76	15	20
Polonia	13	8	2	3	50	13	18
Sth. Melb. United	14	8	2	4	22	21	18
Brighton "B"	15	8	0	7	34	45	16
Hakoah	15	6	3	6	26	22	15
Coburg	13	6	1	6	38	17	13
Sandringham City	14	5	0	9	10	73	10
Preston	12	3	1	8	5	39	7
Box Hill	12	1	3	8	8	41	5
Frankston	15	2	1	12	6	66	5

Under 15 Division

Brighton "A"	16	15	0	1	59	10	30
Sth. Melb. United	17	13	2	2	50	7	28
Sunshine City	16	12	2	2	104	11	26
Northcote	17	9	4	4	42	22	22
Prahran	16	12	1	3	68	10	19
Moorabbin City	17	7	3	7	48	34	17
Sunshine United	17	6	1	10	56	35	13
Box Hill	17	5	1	11	23	62	11
Sandringham City	16	4	2	10	27	44	10
Preston	16	3	3	10	16	42	9
Park Rangers	16	2	1	13	8	79	5
Brighton "B"	17	1	0	16	2	155	2

Under 14 Division

Sunshine City	16	14	0	2	143	10	28
Coburg "A"	15	13	1	1	82	9	27
Brighton	15	10	1	4	97	15	21
Sth. Melb. United	16	9	0	7	78	33	18
Box Hill "A"	15	8	1	6	63	37	17
Moorabbin "A"	14	6	1	7	48	71	13
Coburg "B"	15	4	0	11	8	107	8
Essendon	5	2	0	3	10	11	4
Moorabbin "B"	7	1	1	5	6	50	3
Box Hill "B"	15	1	1	13	13	141	3

Border District

As at July 27, 1952

Albury City	9	7	2	0	26	5	16
Wodonga	9	4	2	3	17	11	10
Mt. Beauty United	9	4	2	3	24	23	10
Bandiana	9	4	0	5	23	21	8
Albury Blacks	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Bandiana Reds	1	0	0	1	1	11	0

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